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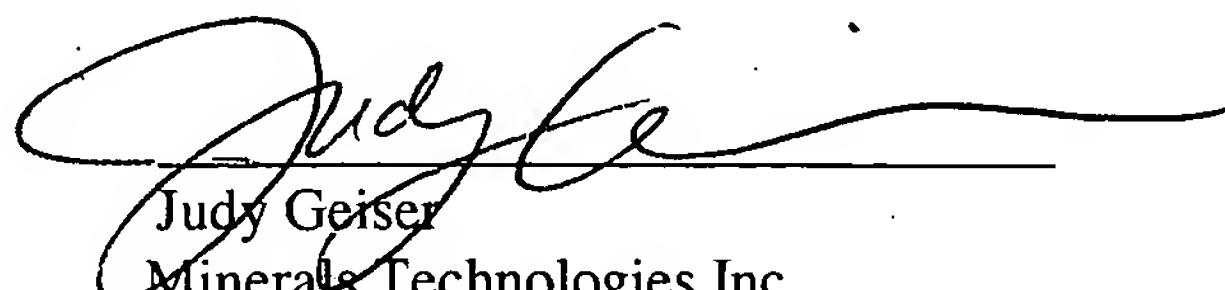
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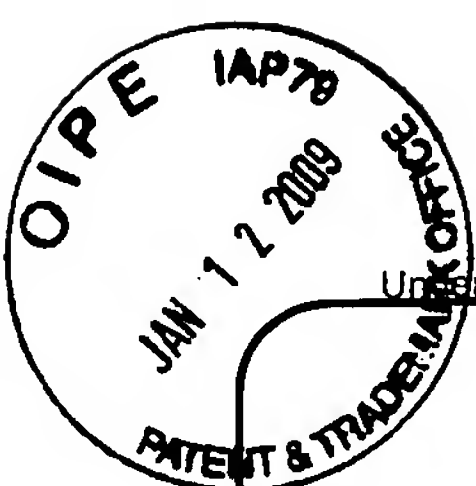
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U.S. DOCUMENTS

U.S. patent documents set forth on the attached PTO form PTO/SB 08a.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

1. International Patent Publication WO9720954 A1 published June 12, 1997, in English.
2. German Patent No. DE4025909 A1 published July 4, 1991, in German. An English translation is attached.
3. Japanese Patent No. JP62207814 A published September 12, 1987, in Japanese. An

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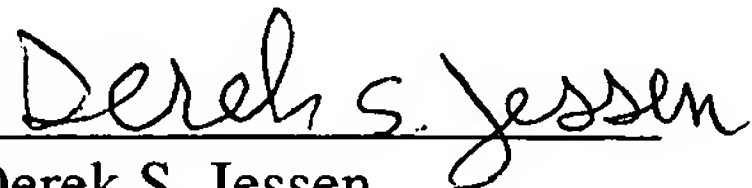
4. European Patent Publication EP0162949 A1 published December 16, 1987, in English.

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